

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

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CODE	IBC	SECTION NO.	1013.2	SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO.	FLS-10		
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE	FLS	CHAIR	Devlin	PHONE	301/220-1212	E-mail	john_devlin@schirmereng.com
DATES: OF PROPOSAL	04/20/05	BCAC PRESENTATION	04/20/05	BCAC APPROVAL			

CHECK ONE ☒ *Revise section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*
☐ *Add new section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under *Format*, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Revise Section 1013.2 to read as follows:

1013.2 Egress through intervening spaces. Egress from a room or space shall not pass through adjoining or intervening rooms or areas, except where such adjoining rooms or areas are accessory to the area served; are not a high-hazard occupancy; and provide a discernible path of egress travel to an exit. ~~Egress shall not~~ A maximum of one means of egress is permitted to pass through kitchens, store rooms, closets or spaces used for similar purposes provided such space is not the only means of egress. An exit access shall not pass through a room that can be locked to prevent egress. Means of egress from dwelling units or sleeping areas shall not lead through other sleeping areas, toilet rooms or bathrooms.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ *Increase* ☒ *Decrease* ☐ *Negligible* ☐ *Unknown*

If "Increase" box was checked, indicate estimated range of added cost:

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling	\$		to	\$	
Per 1,000SF of commercial building	\$		to	\$	

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Prohibiting one means of egress to pass through kitchens, store rooms, etc., is inappropriate due to local conditions (physical, and urban planning) that constrain the building footprint and limit means of egress within a building. This provision hampers the economic development of the District, and creates an economic hardship on the owner without a clear justification based on considerations of protection of safety, health and welfare of the building occupants or population at large. The proposed revision affords a reasonable degree of building occupant fire safety.